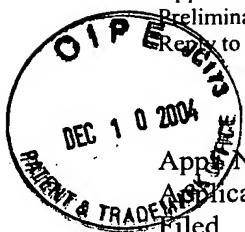


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "B"

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination thereof, in the following manner. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$264.00 for the addition of 3 independent claims in excess of 3.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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